

# Indiana GIS Initiative

October 1999

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## Calendar of Events

### Indiana GIS Initiative Committee Meeting

*Indiana Government Center  
Conference Room 5  
October 13, 1999  
9:30-11:30 am*

### National Geography Awareness Week

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

*November 15-19, 1999*

### 1<sup>st</sup> International GIS Day 1999

<http://www.gisday.com/>

*Various Indiana locations  
November 19, 1999*

### 2000 GIS Conference

#### Sharing Resource: Leveraging Your Investment

March 6 – 7, 2000  
Indiana Convention Center  
Indianapolis, IN

To: INGISI Committee

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## Meeting Announcement

The Indiana GIS Initiative will meet at the Indiana Government Center Conference Room 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 am on **October 13, 1999.**

### AGENDA

1) The INGISI Steering Committee has set next year's INGISI quarterly meetings. They have all been scheduled, so mark your calendars!

- January 20, 9:00 am – noon
- April 20, 9:30 – 11:30 am
- July 20, 9:30 – 11:30 am
- October 19, 9:30 – 11:30 am

We will discuss the plan for the INGISI meetings and January's proposed special agenda.

2) A very special visit by the Kentucky and Ohio GIS Coordinators' provided us insight into how Indiana could organize its GIS. Get an update on the visit and hear what's ahead for Indiana.

3) The INGISI Technical Subcommittees will present their on-going activities. Included will be a INGISI web-site demonstration by the Web Development Subcommittee, updates from the Networking

Subcommittee, conference planning by the Education Subcommittee, and status of the Indiana 1999 Don't Duck Metadata project.

4) The 1<sup>st</sup> International GIS Day is November 19, 1999. Find out what this day is about, why its important, what's going on and opportunities to participate.

## Kentucky and Ohio Share Their Experience



*Stuart Davis, Ohio, and Susan Carson Lambert, Kentucky.*

On September 17, 1999 Indiana was privileged with a visit from Stuart Davis and Susan Carson Lambert, our neighboring states' very enthusiastic GIS coordinators. The INGISI and Indiana Government GIS Task Force (IGGISTF) invited Susan and Stu to share their very different experiences in establishing and growing GIS coordination in their respective states. They graciously shared details, stories, and recommendations about what has and hasn't worked for them.

Kentucky's organization structure is housed within the Office of Geographic Information (OGIS), reporting directly

to their Chief Information Officer. Susan shared their enabling legislation and organizational structure of the OGIS as well as some legal issues they've dealt with and their ongoing basemap project. For more information go to [www.ogis.state.ky.us](http://www.ogis.state.ky.us)

The Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) resides in their Department of Administrative Services. The focus is on State and local government participation, with a tremendous increase in county activity over the last ten years. Stu provided some insight about what made his role easier and more difficult in contrast with how Kentucky's office functions.

One outcome of this meeting was the formation of a "pre-organizational committee" that is now in the process of deciding the structure for formal GIS coordination entity in Indiana. The committee is comprised of a subset of members from the INGISI, IGGISTF, and others. We appreciate the help from our friends "next-door", and look forward to sharing the results of this work in progress!

**Watershed Research**

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**GIS Day at IUPUI**

To celebrate the 1st International GIS day (November 19th, 1999) the Department of Geography at IUPUI will be hosting a series of workshops and an open house at the IUPUI University Library. Open invitations to participate or just attend are extended to all GIS-users, educators, students, and community groups. The event is being organized in collaboration with the Geographic Educators Network of Indiana, Schneider Corporation, the University Library, The Polis Center, Center for Earth and Environmental Science, and the Indiana GIS Initiative.

\* 10:00-12:00 GIS Workshop for K-12 Educators. Designed for K-12 teachers interested in the integration of GIS technology in their curriculum. For more information or to register for the event, call (317) 274-8877 or E-mail: [geogdept@iupui.edu](mailto:geogdept@iupui.edu).

\* 11:00-3:00 GIS Open House with Short Presentations by GIS Users The open house will bring together a broad range of GIS users within the state to showcase their current GIS projects, foster inter-group collaborations, and provide an informal forum for discussion. This event will be held in the IUPUI University Library (UL 110 and 106). An open invitation is extended to everyone to attend and/or participate.

\* 2:00-5:00 GIS Workshops for the General Public 2:00 - 3:00 Introduction to SAVI: Resources for Understanding Your Community; 3:00 - 5:00 Real-World Applications of GIS. Both will be held in the University Library, IUPUI (UL 1116)

Any questions about any of these events, please contact (Catherine Souch, (317) 274-1103; [csouch@iupui.edu](mailto:csouch@iupui.edu); [geogdept@iupui.edu](mailto:geogdept@iupui.edu) ; or Jeff Wilson (317) 274-1128; [jeswilso@iupui.edu](mailto:jeswilso@iupui.edu) )

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